fertile again. There would also be no more floods in the Pampa. The great eddies in the Pampa at places like Athimadu and Kuthuthodu will be bridled. The portion of the M. C. road from the 76th to the 77th mile will be saved from floods. Government will be saved the immense expenditure of raising the road newly opened at Thiruvanvandur and the bridge at Thiruvanvandur will no longer be open to danger from the accumulation of water on its sides. Mr. John Kuriyan, late Executive Engineer, had made certain statements against the scheme in his report on inland navigation in the State. But he himself admitted that he had not studied the question in sufficient detail. Moreover, his conclusions rested entirely on the representations of a few land-owners of the neighbourhood whose interests stood to suffer if the chira was cut open. Government should therefore have the scheme investigated again.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, in regard to the Kuttapuzha canal, there has been a conflict of opinion between engineering experts. Mr. John Kurien was in favour of taking up the scheme and on the other hand Mr. F. J. Jacob was against the scheme being taken up on account of serious and intrinsic difficulties. I have now asked the Chief Engineer for an independent opinion after independent investigation and Mr. Vipan has that in hand now.

As regards the Mundadichira, Mr. John Kurien is against the cutting of the bund. The Chief Engineer has got this also in hand and he is going to investigate the matter. These things cannot be done in a hurry and require careful examination and investigation.

Then as regards the encroachments, I hope before long to formulate a scheme to find a special agency to look after the channels and chiras and I hope that when it is brought into effect these things will be considered by that agency in respect of the chiras you made mention of.

107. Needs of the Tiruvalla taluk.

MR. T. K. THOMAS (*Member, Tiruvalla taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Tiruvalla taluk:—

Two bridges should be constructed one across the Aikad *todu* and the other across the Kozhi *todu* on the Chengannur-Aranmula road.

The bridge at Angadical which was in a very dilapidated condition should be repaired.

The ryots' road between Cherukolpuzha and Ranni should be taken up for departmental maintenance.

A bridge should be constructed at Kollakadavu. This would establish an easy communication between Chengannur and Mavelikara.

A bridge should be constructed at the Kozhanchery market landing. This was a subject of representation at various sessions of the Assembly.

The Lower Grade English School for girls, Chengannur, should be raised to the higher grade. The English High Schools for girls at Tiruvalla were residential schools to which parents of slender means could not afford to send their children. These schools were also conducted mainly for the use of Christian girls. The number of girls now

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attending the English school for boys, Chengannur, was also very high. The number was perhaps the highest on record in the whole State. It was very undesirable that such a large number of girls should be put to the necessity of attending a boys' school. The need for a separate girls' school was thus very obvious.

The present dispensary at Chengannur should be converted into a hospital. The dispensary building itself stood in need of repair and should be improved soon.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Thomas, in regard to the Ikad *todu* and the Kozhi *todu* bridges, Government have already recently accorded sanction for those two bridges and the Chief Engineer is now carrying on detailed investigation.

What you say about the roads, you had better reserve till the Roads Boards are constituted, when you will have an opportunity of expressing your wishes before the Board.

You mentioned a bridge at Kozhanchery market landing. The Chief Engineer is having that matter under investigation.

As regards the bridge at Kollakadavu, I have already spoken on the subject.

As regards the need for an English High School for girls at Chengannur you say that there are 80 girls now studying in the Boys' School there. There are very many more at Mavelikara. The Director has taken up the question, and if he is convinced of the need for one he will make recommendations to Government.

I do not think the present position of Chengannur would justify the establishment of a hospital there—at any rate for the present you have got one close by.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 1·57 P. M. and met again at 3·3 P. M.

108. Needs of Shertallai.

MR. K. PARAMESWARA PANICKER (*Member, Shertallai taluk, Group I*) spoke on the following needs of Shertallai :—

The road from Shertallai to Arukutti should be completed. The roads to Arur and to Arukutti should be gravelled. A bridge should be constructed over the Chenganda river. If this was not possible, at least a junghar should be provided at the place and the necessary culverts should be built.

In order to improve the general facilities of traffic, particularly of goods traffic in the taluk, a system of cross-canals and cross-roads should be provided. The most important cross canal that was wanted was one connecting the Shertallai town with Pozhichal. This was a subject which was represented at several sessions of the Assembly and about which Government had stated that it was engaging their attention. If Government considered the proposal very expensive the ryots were willing to surrender lands free of cost.

Grazing grounds should be provided by Government for the feeding of cattle. Some care should be particularly taken by the Department of

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